



# OPEN SPACE newsletter



*Mayor Richard J. Berry*

A Quarterly Newsletter of the Open Space Division and the Open Space Alliance

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## A Message from Mayor Richard J. Berry



As summer approaches we look forward to a prosperous monsoon season. The year started with several storms with the help of the El Niño cycle. Wildflowers have been in bloom, insects and reptiles are on the move, and larger mammals can be seen as you hike and explore our wonderful Open Space lands.

However, spring has been dry and we are currently over an inch below average for rainfall. The much needed summer rains will bring life-sustaining water to our natural landscapes. The plants and animals are not the only resources that need water; our Open Space trails also benefit. As Open Space

Division staff conduct trail-building sessions nearly every Saturday during the Spring, Summer, and Fall, the need for water to help "harden" the newly built soft trail-tread is essential.

However, rainfall can also be detrimental to our trail system. Trails that have unofficially formed (called social or user trails) tend to erode when the heavy rains come. Our official trails are designed very carefully and sustainably by Open Space Division staff. These trails are built so rain water will flow across instead of down the trail. Next time you are in the foothills or an East Mountain Open Space, see if you can tell which trails are social trails and which have been designed and built to be sustainable.

As always, I encourage you to go explore the nearly 29,000 acres of Open Space land the City has to offer this summer. The Open Space Division has plenty of fun and exciting possibilities this summer whether it is at the Open Space Visitor Center or volunteering on a trail building session in the East Mountains.

And don't forget that the 2010 Summer Series has begun. Join us for free music, dance, storytelling, or even a fun Sunday hike this summer. Bring the whole family and enjoy your public Open Space. (See pages 4 and 5 for more details.) Please remember to respect Open Space lands as they are fragile ecosystems, so what ever you pack in, pack out!

See you on the trail!

*Mayor Richard J. Berry*

## **“Off the Top of My Head” For Me, The Bosque Is Special**

By George Peknik



Before my wife Sabina and I moved to Albuquerque last September, our son Chris, a long-time Albuquerque resident, had told us that the *Bosque* (Spanish for forest)—that long stretch of cottonwoods along both sides of the Rio Grande just east of our community—was the largest cottonwood grove in either North America or the world and a very cool place. I lobbied my wife Sabina for us to buy a house near the Bosque so that I would have a nice, nearby place to run with my dog Tess, a rescued Samoyed sled-dog type of dog.

From my very first thrice-weekly runs with Tess into the Bosque I knew that my son was right about it being a very cool place. I experience a peaceful, relaxed feeling whenever I'm running on the Bosque trails. That almost all the trees are huge cottonwoods had something to do with my feelings, as it was a cottonwood that fell on my head and almost killed me in my front yard in Boulder, Colorado almost three years ago. I soon became an Open Space Trail Watch Volunteer. In that role, I report the number of hikers, runners, and bicyclists I observe during each of my outings, as well as a log of wildlife I observe.

For me, and for many people I meet on its trails, the Bosque is also a special place because of the many species of animals that you see there, especially the birds, like the blue herons, mallards, guinea fowl, black phoebes, and goldfinches are just a few of the many types of birds you will see in the Bosque and not in our neighborhood. Check out the “Bosque Bill” web site at <http://bosquebill.com> to learn more about birds in the Bosque.

It's also special because of the art installations that the Open Space Visitors Center has installed in the Bosque south of the facility for the LAND/Art program. See [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) for details about the Center, which offers many programs and nature hikes for the public.

Finally, I would like to mention a place on a secondary north-south trail at a place equal to the 5 ½ mile marker. It's a stump that is something of a *descanso*, which refers to the embellished roadside crosses—shrines, in effect—erected where people have been killed in traffic accidents. This one is a gathering point for hiking and running dog-lovers who share a love of that part of the Bosque and who leave mementos, notes, and money at the stump that one of the group regularly matches and donates to the Humane Society. I have met most of my new Albuquerque friends there.

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*George Peknik is a dedicated Open Space Trail Watch volunteer and author. He is completing his third book, a “creative memoir” tentatively entitled **My Tree of Life**.*

## ***Duendes (and Volunteers) in Action!***



Starting with Spring Cleanup in the Foothills, then moving to National River Cleanup Day and culminating with National Trails Day, with just enough time from one project to plan for another, April, May and June are one of the busiest times of the year for Open Space staff and volunteers.

This year's **Spring Cleanup in the Foothills** was the best attended series of cleanups since we began this event back in 2002. Each Saturday event was attended by over 80 volunteers. Work included trail maintenance, new trail construction, restoration of unauthorized trails, graffiti removal, trash cleanup and cleanup of dog waste. This year's Spring Cleanups set a new record for the amount

of dog waste removed; **1.5 tons!** It should be noted to dog walkers that dog waste is a major problem throughout our city. Dog waste can carry diseases, dog waste washes into the river where we are now getting our drinking water, dog waste is slow to decompose and dog waste stinks!

**National River Cleanup Day** was another well attended event, with 168 volunteers helping out. The good snow pack in the mountains meant a full river for volunteers on rafts, canoes and kayaks who spent time cleaning trash from islands and the river banks as they floated down to Central. Special thanks go out to Adobe White Water Rafting, Kirtland Air Force Outdoor Recreation and Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures of Bernalillo for supplying rafts, river guides, canoes and kayaks for volunteers. Thanks also to the City of Rio Rancho Parks and Recreation Department, Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful, the Bosque Meadows Homeowner's Association, the West Central Alliance of Neighbors (WeCAN), and the National Hispanic Cultural Center Volunteer Program for organizing cleanups at different points along the river.

**National Trails Day** was also well attended and in spite of 100 degree temperatures 155 volunteers came out to work on 16 different projects ranging from new trail construction near I-40 to trail maintenance north of the Elena Gallegos. Once again our partners from the Sandia Ranger District of Cibola National Forest also took part in the event and we received generous support from the Open Space Alliance and the Friends of the Sandia Mountains.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, adoption groups, food preparers, volunteer crew leaders and of course the volunteers who make these events fun and successful. We hope to see you again next year if not sooner. A special thanks goes out to volunteers Renée J. Robillard, Preston Page, Lori Floyd, Judi Lafleur, Laurence Bussetti, Diana Breneiser, Mae Beth Shoemaker, Linda Dell, Ric Alan Smith, Mike Deaten, and James Liggett for help on National Trails Day. *Excelsior Sequi Bibere!*

### ***Many thanks to our 2010 event sponsors!***

Two Wheel Drive, Stone Age Climbing Gym, General Mills, Passage Community Church, the New Mexico BioPark Society, The Kickstand Bicycle Sales and Service, Jennifer Peña Smith Massage Therapy, the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, West Central Alliance of Neighbors (WeCAN), I Scream Ice Cream, REI, Sophia's Place/Ezra's Place, Athletic Touch Massage, Frito Lay, Sports Systems, Starbuck's Coffee, Wolfe's Bagels, Great Harvest Bread Company, Whole Foods, and General Mills.



## Summer Series 2010 Update

~by Bill Pentler, Open Space Education Coordinator



The Summer Series is well underway but it's not too late to take in some of the events. The Sunset Series, which takes place every Saturday evening beginning at 7 pm at the Elena Gallegos Double Shelter, are events that will excite every member of the family. Still to see is the Kubatana Marimba Ensemble, Natalee Roe – Storyteller, The Red Rooster Trio, K9 Search Dog Rescue, Wilderness Survival with Mike Bochnia and much, much more.

On our Sunday Hikes, which take place in Open Space areas all over the City normally starting at 9 am every Sunday until Labor Day, you could take in an Herb Hike with Maria Irving, join Trips For Kids on a Mountain Bike ride, view Poblanos Fields with the Rio Grande Community Farm Tour, learn I Chuan Standing Meditation with Dug

Corpolongo or come to the Hound Hoedown to learn about pet and adoption information from our local organizations and groups. Again, this is just a sample of some of the activities for this year's Summer Series. A partial calendar of events is listed on page 5. If you'd like to view the whole schedule of events, including the ones you've unfortunately missed out on, please check our website, [cabq.gov/openspace](http://cabq.gov/openspace) under "Open Space Events". Please remember that the Summer Series is a yearly schedule of events that keeps changing to offer a variety of talks, performances, and activities that will hopefully interest people of all ages and keep you coming back year after year.

## Celebrate National Public Lands Day with our Annual Geocaching Event!

**September 25th, 2010. Location and times TBA**

Geocaching replaces the parchment map with a Global Positioning Systems (GPS) unit to engage in a modern day treasure hunt. A GPS unit is a hand-held device that communicates with satellites to identify its unique place on earth.

A geocacher places a cache at a particular spot, posts the coordinates on a website and the game begins! Caches contain a logbook and often they have small gifts. But if you take something from the cache, you have to leave something in the cache. *Please see [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) for specific guidelines on placing caches in Open Space lands.*

The Geocache event is a great way to learn more about the sport. All experience levels are encouraged to attend. Please stay tuned for more details! Contact: Erik Zsemlye with the Open Space Division at 452-5208, or by email at [ezsemlye@cabq.gov](mailto:ezsemlye@cabq.gov).



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## ***Saturday SUNSET SERIES at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area***

The Saturday Sunset Series will feature talks, demonstrations and shows by some of Albuquerque's best speakers, teachers and performers at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area Amphitheater on Saturdays at 7:00pm. All Saturday Series programs take place at the Elena Gallegos Double Shelter Amphitheater and are free with a \$2.00 entry fee.

July 10th: Natalee Roe - Storyteller – Storytelling for all ages with Puppet Sidekick Fred Frog and others.

July 17th: Kubatana Marimba Band – Polyrhythmic music played on traditional instruments of Zimbabwe.

July 24th: Wilderness Survival – Lecture and demonstration by Survival Specialist Mike Bochnia

July 31st Caffrey Plays Dylan – An evening honoring Bob Dylan by singer, songwriter Kevin Caffrey

August 7th: An Evening of Ancient Tales and Original Music – Music and Stories with Guitars, Flute, Hurdy Gurdy, and Accordion by Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee, Sharon Berman and Juan Wijngaard.

August 14th: Life's Better with Bunnies – A talk and demonstration on how to keep your pet rabbit happy, healthy, and well groomed by Criss Starr of the NM House Rabbit Society.

August 21st: Sing Along Fun with The Red Rooster Trio – A Rocking event for all ages – Family Music.

August 28th: K9 Search and Rescue – Dogs on Call – A lecture and demonstration by members of Sandia Search Dogs

## ***SUNDAY HIKES - From varied areas of Open Space***

On Sundays, starting at 9:00 a.m., unless stated otherwise, knowledgeable guides and members of our community lead explorations and offer demonstrations in an assortment of fields and specialties. Please call Bill Pentler at 452-5222 for Pre-registration if stated. Our wish is to nudge you and your family to expand your views and begin a lifelong ritual of returning to your newly discovered favorite Open Spaces.

July 11th: I Chuan Tai Chi Standing Meditation - Sifu Dug Corpolongo. Meet at La Orilla in the Sagebrush Community Church parking lot to access the Bosque for a 1 to 2 hour session.

July 18th: Introduction to Tracking – Mike Bochnia, Survival Specialist. Meet at the Candelaria Farms for a 2 to 3 hour instruction. Bring something to take notes or make sketches. Pre-registration required.

July 25th: Herb Hike – Maria Irving, Assistant Curator of the Rio Grande Botanic Garden. Meet at the Elena Gallegos Pino Trailhead for a 1 to 2 hour hike focusing on Medicinal plants. Bring something to take notes or make sketches.

August 1st: Bosque Wild Guided Nature Walk – Elsa Bumstead and Vern Huser. Meet at the Open Space Visitor Center for a 2 hour hike through the Bosque. Call 897-8831 for Pre-registration.

August 8th: Introduction to GPS – Erik Zsemlye, Open Space. Meet at the Elena Gallegos Double Shelter for a 2 to 3 hour instruction. Bring your GPS, limited borrowing of extra GPS units. Pre-registration Required

August 15th: The Rio Grande Community Farm Tour Marika Ray of the Rio Grande Community Farm. Meet at Poblanos Fields for a 1 to 2 hike and educational talk.

August 22nd: Trips For Kids Rio Grande Mountain Bike Ride with Julian Butt. Meet at Pueblo Montañño for a 2 to 3 hour session. Trips For Kids focuses on Middle to High School aged individuals but the whole family is welcome. Bring your bike and helmet for a light to medium ride. There will be some bikes to borrow. Pre-registration required.

August 29th: Beginning Bouldering – Meet at the Open Space Copper Trailhead. An introduction to Bouldering led by personnel of the Stone Age Climbing Gym. Pre-registration required.

## VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DINNER & AWARDS

Friday, August 20

5:00 pm – 7:30pm

Open Space Visitor Center



Not long ago I spoke to a woman who wished to register for the next Trail Watch Volunteer training. She hikes the trails regularly, but she was convinced to do more when she

met an Open Space volunteer on the trail.

This volunteer talked about the work he was doing, explained what the Open Space program was about, and encouraged her to become an active part of the program -- which she is now and enjoying it (thank you Charlie Wood).

What better endorsement for a program than spontaneous recruitment by its members?

Spreading enthusiasm, knowledge, and stewardship for our local public land is among the most important things volunteers do for Open Space. Most people that I talk to may know where an Open Space area is, but they don't really know what it is or what it is for. I truly believe that the best way to engage people in the concept of Open Space is to have a conversation with them about it. After all, protection of our public landscapes is dependent on its users enjoying it with respect and a little bit of knowledge about the land's needs.

So, thank you for talking to those folks on the trail and sharing what you know about Open Space!

***In fact, let's talk about all the great things you do for Open Space over dinner.*** Come to the Open Space Visitor Center on Saturday, August 20 from 5:00 pm – 7:30pm for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Awards. You are invited to bring a guest. Please call me (Jodi Hedderig) at 897-8865 or email [jhedderig@cabq.gov](mailto:jhedderig@cabq.gov) to RSVP no later than August 1.

## The 3rd Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival!

**When:** September 18th, 2010

**Where:** Open Space Visitor Center  
6500 Coors Rd. NW



Did you know that in addition to other important public lands such as the Sandia Foothills Open Space, the Petroglyph National Monument and the Rio Grande Valley State Park, the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division preserves over 366 acres of farmland within the Albuquerque area?

Join us for this celebration of Urban Agricultural and Open Space! During the event you can enjoy workshops and tours, booths from local farmers, artists, and conservation organizations, haybale rides, and live music on the grassy lawn overlooking our 24 acre working farm/wildlife preserve.

Stay tuned for a list of performers and presentations. See [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) or call 897-8831 for more information.

## SEEKING URBAN FARM FEST VENDORS!

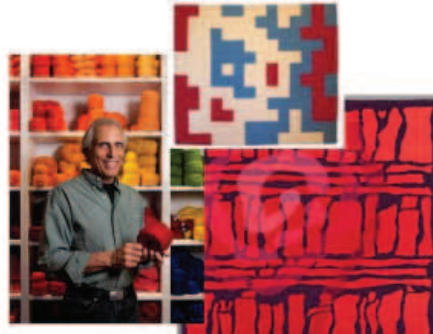
We are currently seeking vendors for this event. There are a limited number of booths available for

- Small farmers
- Local food vendors
- Conservation and educational organizations working in agriculture
- Arts and crafts vendors

Please call 897-8831 or e-mail: [kselving@cabq.gov](mailto:kselving@cabq.gov) for information on how to sign up for a FREE booth. Spaces are limited.



## THE OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER PRESENTS: Interwoven Traditions: New Mexico and Bauhaus



**July 3-Aug. 25 at the Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Blvd., NW.** Three tapestry artists from NM and Germany present exhibits of three-year project investigating how Bauhaus principles influence their work.

\*Opening Reception July 24, (4-8 p.m.) Free Admission.

Contact: Joshua Willis, Parks & Recreation Dept., Open Space Division, 505-897-8831, jrwillis@cabq.gov

An exhibition of textile artistry, influenced by the impressive legacy of the Bauhaus school of Germany and relying heavily on the images of the American Southwest, will be presented July 3-Aug. 25 at Albuquerque's Open Space Gallery. It will be one of two exhibitions prepared by New Mexico tapestry artist James Koehler and his students, Cornelia Theimer Gardella and Rebecca Mezoff, as a culmination of three years of study on how the principles that emerged from Bauhaus in the early 20th Century have had a lasting influence on art in Europe and America. Mezoff is also a New Mexican, and Theimer Gardella divides her time between New Mexico and her native Germany.

The Open Space Gallery exhibition will be displayed through August 25. It will share an opening event July 24 (4-8 p.m.) with the biennial conference of the Handweaver's Guild of America. During that conference, Koehler will teach classes about Bauhaus technique and ideas. A second exhibition will be at the church Michaeliskirche in Erfurt, Germany, from its opening night event Sept. 5 to Oct. 30.

The life of the Bauhaus school (1919-1933) encompassed three different directors, three cities, and a changing swath of ideas and intellectual terrain. The school's commitment to abstraction as a language of modernism, the way it challenged how traditional academics were taught, and its process of creating objects left a legacy that continues to influence art today. Koehler, Mezoff and Theimer Gardella have been working on tapestries in the exhibition for the past three years. Their project has focused on studying selected writings by Bauhaus artists, exploring Bauhaus design theories, and looking at the contribution of Bauhaus aesthetics to contemporary tapestry weaving. Although their studies dealt with the theoretical aspects of Bauhaus design, the pieces to be shown in the exhibitions are practical, individually created translations of those studies.

### Introducing the 2010 Maize Maze – Coyote Magic! Discover the Wonders of High Desert Wildlife.

September 3- October 31st, 2010. Fridays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm; Saturdays, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sundays, 11:00 am- 6:00 pm



Spend time outdoors as you explore a 7-acre corn maze at the Los Poblanos Fields Open Space. 1701 Montano Rd. NW, Albuquerque. The 2010 Maize Maze will depict a coyote. The Maze is open to the public every Friday evening and all day on Saturdays (including Saturday evenings) and Sundays. Special events such as birthday parties can be scheduled to include a Maze visit.

For more information see [www.riograndefarm.org](http://www.riograndefarm.org) or call 505-345-4580

## JULY 2010

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk*.** Registration is recommended one month in advance.

Every Sunday, 7:30-9:00am and 9:00am -10:30am, Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View*. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique. \$15.00 donation. A portion of the donation benefits the Open Space Alliance.

July 3-Aug. 25, *Interwoven Traditions: New Mexico and Bauhaus*. Three tapestry artists from NM and Germany present exhibits of three-year project investigating how Bauhaus principles influence their work. *Opening Reception July 24, (4-8 p.m.) Free Admission*.

July 11th, 12:30pm to 3pm, *Meet A Friendly Wolf with the Wanagi Wolf Fund*. Open Space Visitor Center. Call 897-8831 for more details.

July 31st 10am to 1pm. *Advancing the coexistence of wilderness and civilization: The Story of Wolves*. A Discussion and brief movie screening with Elke Duerr of Wild Wolf Film. [www.wildwolffilm.com](http://www.wildwolffilm.com).

## AUGUST 2010

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk*.** See July listing.

Every Sunday, 7:30-9:00am and 9:00am -10:30am, Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View*. See July listing.

ONGOING through Aug. 25, *Interwoven Traditions: New Mexico and Bauhaus*. See July listing.

**\*August 7, 10am - 1pm. *Trail Watch Volunteer Training*.** The Kiwanis Picnic Shelter in the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area.

**\*August 20, 5:00 pm - 7:30pm. *Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner*.** Open Space Visitor Center. See page 6 for more details.

## SEPTEMBER 2010

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk*.** See July listing.

Every Sunday, 7:30-9:00am and 9:00am -10:30am, Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View*. See July listing.

September 4th through October 28th. *The 5th Annual View with Room Plein Air Art Exhibit and Sale*. Open Space Visitor Center. See page 6 for more details.

September 18th, 2010 9:00am - 5:00pm. *3rd Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival*. A Celebration of Open Space, urban agriculture, local food, and community with music, fun, workshops, and more! For more details call 505-897-8831 or email [openspace@cabq.gov](mailto:openspace@cabq.gov)

September 25th, 9:00am - 1:00pm. *Geocache Special Event* Location TBA. A treasure hunt game using GPS technology MORE INFORMATION: For any other questions or comments, contact Erik Zsemlye with the Open Space Division at 452-5208, or by email at [ezsemlye@cabq.gov](mailto:ezsemlye@cabq.gov).

***\*This event requires pre-registration. Call 897-8831 or email [openspace@cabq.gov](mailto:openspace@cabq.gov) to register.***

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montaño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.



## Open Space Visitor Center Perennial Marsh

~By Jodi Hedderig



Many, many years ago before you were born, the Rio Grande was a wild river untamed by human interference. The big river meandered and braided across its flood plain changing course, sometimes dramatically, from year to year. This movement of the river partnered with a high water table provided conditions suitable for a variety of wetlands including marshes, wet meadows, and seasonal ponds. These wetlands provided a unique habitat for a wide range of plants and wildlife.

However, the unpredictability and raw power of the river had a devastating impact on the growing town of Albuquerque and its residents. Spring flooding ruined agricultural land, infrastructure, homes and livelihoods. In the early 20th century an effort to control the river began and continued through the early 1970's.

Now, drainage and diversion channels, levees, jetty jacks, and dams work together to prevent the river from breaching its banks – and they are very effective. Some would say effective to a fault. Without seasonal flooding, river channel meander and a high water table, over 85% of Middle Rio Grande wetlands have been lost, limiting habitat for riparian species.

The Bosque Biological Management Plan guides restoration and protection of the bosque and recommends protection, enhancement and creation of wetlands throughout the Middle Rio Grande riparian zone. Over the past 10 years, Open Space has built and managed three wetlands that have contributed to the expansion of riparian habitat in the Rio Grande corridor.

Today, we are pleased to announce the addition of a fourth wetland: the Open Space Visitor Center Perennial Marsh. The Marsh has transformed a struggling 1.5 acre agricultural field into a shallow wetland. Fed by irrigation waters March through October, marsh waters will recede over winter to create a mud flat or moist soils area. Animals living in the marsh are accustomed to this cycle and will hibernate in the mud until the water returns in spring.

Already, the Marsh supports soft shell turtles, killdeer, mallards, woodhouse toad tadpoles, red shiners, dragonflies, and a variety of riparian plants. One great blue heron has been spotted in the marsh and several egrets contrasting against the verdant landscape. It is a cheerful welcome to the Open Space Visitor Center. Be sure to visit soon and watch this habitat flourish. Don't forget your binoculars!

The Open Space Visitor Center Perennial Marsh would not have been possible without the initiative of dedicated Open Space staff and the fine work accomplished by the Open Space Maintenance crew.

The Open Space Division wishes to thank the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, New Mexico Game & Fish, the Office of Natural Resources Trustee, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for their support.

## THE 5TH ANNUAL VIEW WITH ROOM PLEIN AIR ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

**WHEN:** September 4th through October 28th, 2010

**WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center

The time honored tradition of Plein Air Painting is alive and well, and the talented artists who practice this method of painting are directing their skill toward Albuquerque's Open Spaces. Plein-air is "designating a painting executed out of doors and representing a direct response to the scene or subject in front of the artist". In addition to showcasing great art, the art exhibit is also a fund-raising event for the Open Space Alliance, the friends group of the Open Space Division. A tax-deductible portion from each purchase will go to help support Open Space environmental education programs, habitat restoration projects, and future phases of the Visitor Center. For more details call 505-897-8831 or email [jrwillis@cabq.gov](mailto:jrwillis@cabq.gov).



**Special exhibit preview:** There will be a special opening for current Alliance members, so make sure to renew your membership or become a member today! See the membership form on page 11 for more information.

### PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP SERIES

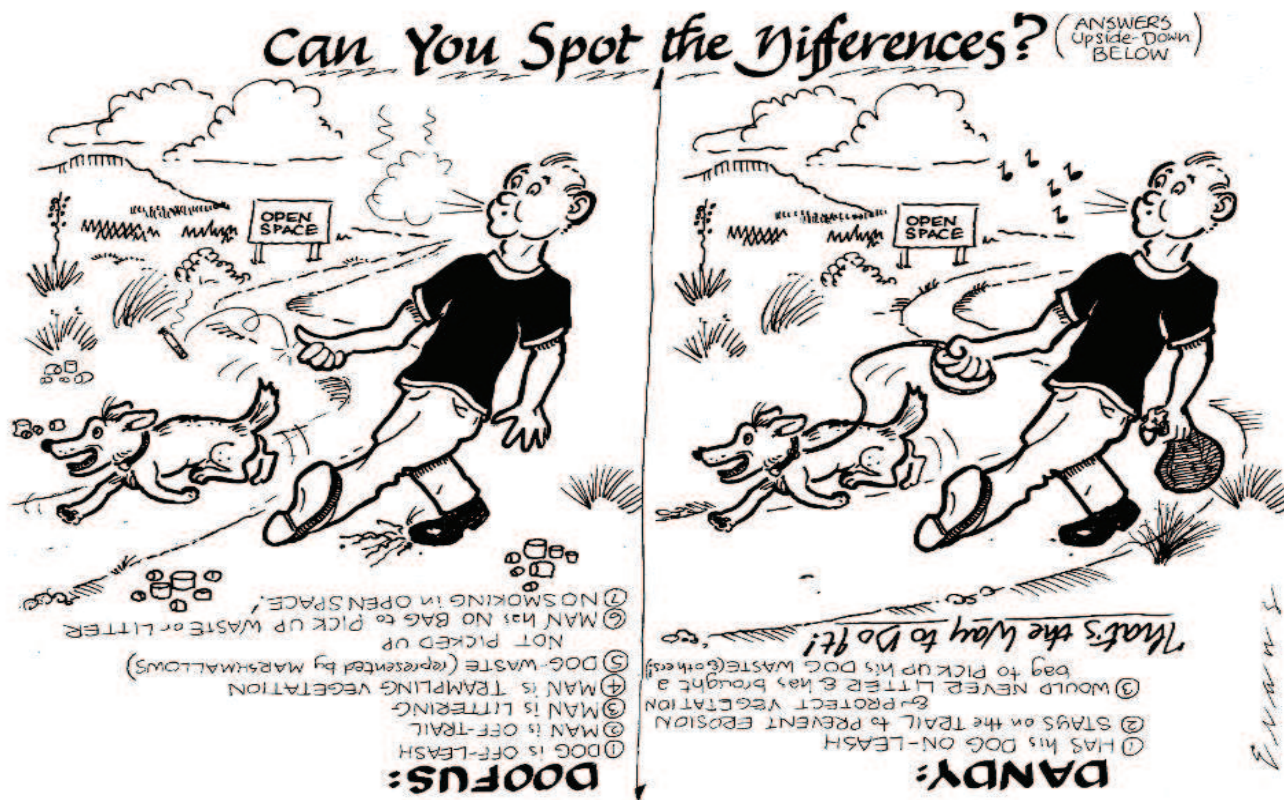
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico (PAPNM) will offer two one day workshops in conjunction with the Open Space exhibits "**A View with Room**" and "**Little Gems.**" The workshops and "paint alongs"/critiques act as fundraisers for Open Space Alliance.

Both workshops will take place on Saturday, October 23 from 9 am until 4 pm with a break for lunch. On Sunday, both instructors will conduct a "paint along" at Elena Gallegos Open Space in the morning. Enrollees may either paint along with them or they may watch the artists paint. In the afternoon, the artists will conduct a critique together of the paintings the enrollees executed in the morning. Paintings done at other times are not eligible for the critique. People may register for both days or for only one day, either the workshop or the paint along.

- Tuition for workshop only: \$100
- Paint along and critique tuition only: \$50
- Tuition for both workshop and paint along/critique: \$120

Registration is required and will be starting soon on the PAPNM website, <http://pleinairpaintersnm.org>.

THE ADVENTURES OF DANDY AND DOOFUS, by JAY LEE EVANS



## Get involved in the Open Space Alliance *today* and contribute to the future of YOUR Open Space!

Your generous contribution to the Open Space Alliance supports OSA's mission of enhancing our quality of life through: heightening public awareness of Open Space lands; building and strengthening partnerships with groups who share Open Space values; promoting conservation, acquisition, and stewardship of Open Space lands; strengthening volunteerism and community outreach programs, and providing financial support.

For information about our current activities, contact Steve Hamp, OSA Board President, at [shamp7@comcast.net](mailto:shamp7@comcast.net), or 247-2523.

To join, please fill out the information and return the form with your check or money order.

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

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### **ELENA GALLEGOS PICNIC AREA**

Winter: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Summer: 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

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(505)857-8334

### **PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT BOCA NEGRA CANYON**

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